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REF: A. USNATO 0094 (NOTAL)

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BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING JANUARY 16 MEETING, DPC FPERM REPS ENDORSED
DPC/D(75)2 RECOMMENDATIONS ON SCOPE/CONTENT OF 1975 AD-70 SPRING
REPORT (REF B, PARAS 6 AND 7) AMEMNDED TO COVER "SPECIAL PROBLEMS
OF THE SOUTHERN FLANK. END SUMMARY

1. DURING OPENING REMARKS TO JANUARY 16 DPC DISCUSSION OF AD-70,
SYG LUNS ASKED PERMREPS TO ACCEPT DPC/D(75)2 RECOMMENDATIONS ON
SPRING REPORT. ADMIRAL HILL-NORTON (CHAIRMAN, MC) STRESSED IMPORTANCE
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MILITARY AUTHORITIES (MA'S) PLACE ON AD-70 PROGRAM, SAID AD-70
FORCE IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES PROVIDE BOTH BASIS FOR MA
DEVELOPMENT OF FORCE PROPOSALS AND "TOPLINE AGAINST WHICH MA'S
EVALUATE PROGRESS," AND CITED SPRING REPORT'S UTILITY FOR

PROVIDING "EXTRA TREATMENT" OF SUPPORTING PROGRAMS. HE SUPPORTED DPC/D(75)2 RECOMMENDATIONS ON REPORT FORMAT AND ASKED THAT FORTHCOMING MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE SPECIFICALLY STRESS AD-70 IMPROVEMENT AREAS.

2. AMB. PECK (UK) ACCEPTED DPC/D(75)2 RECOMMENDATIONS ON REPORT FORMAT, BUT CAUTIONED AGAINST PROVIDING DEFENSE MINISTERS WITH REPETITIOUS INFORMATION AND ASKED DPC TO DELETE "REPEAT AND" FROM SUBPARA 6(B). PECK ACCEPTED SYG SUGGESTION TO REVISE SUBPARA 6(B) TO READ, "REFER TO, AND UPDATE AS NECESSARY, THE ASSESSMENTS OF FORCE CAPABILITIES MADE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE 1974 DEFENSE REVIEW."

3. AMB. ERALP (TURKEY) ASKED DPC TO ADD "SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THE SOUTHERN FLANK" TO DPC/D(75)2, SUBPARA 6(B), AS SPECIAL ITEM FOR MINISTERIAL ATTENTION. ASYG HUMPHREYS (DEFENSE PLANNING AND POLICY, IS) SAID SECTION OF SOUTHERN FLANK WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT "FIT NEATLY" IN SHORTER AD-70 REPORT PLANNED FOR 1975. HE SUGGESTED THAT DPC COMMISSION SPECIAL REPORT ON SOUTHERN FLANK "IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS." HILL-NORTON SUPPORTED "FREE-STANDING" REPORT OF SOUTHERN REGION INDEPENDENT FROM AD-70 SPRING REPORT, WARNING THAT INCLUSION OF SOUTHERN FLANK SECTION UNDER AD-70 UMBRELLA MIGHT PRODUCE SIMILAR REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL SECTIONS ON CENTRAL FLANK, NORTHERN FLANK, MARITIME ISSUES, ETC. AMB. MENZIES (CANADA) ASKED WHETHER DPC SHOULD COMMISSION SPECIAL STUDY ON SOUTHERN FLANK AT THIS TIME "IN VIEW OF ABSENT MEMBER" (GREECE). AMB. CATALANO (ITALY) SAID SUCH A REPORT ON SOUTHERN REGION SHOULD SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS IMPACT OF CURRENT GREEK POSITION. SYG LUNS ASKED ERALP IF TURKEY COULD ACCEPT REPORT ON SOUTHERN REGION SEPARATE FROM AD-70 REPORT. ERALP INITIALLY AGREED BUT LATER REPEATED HIS REQUEST FOR SPECIAL COVERAGE OF SOUTHERN FLANK IN CONTEXT OF AD-70 PROGRAM. SYG LUNS AGREED TO INCLUDE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN FLANK IN AD-70 SPRING REPORT AND NOTED REQUESTS FOR SEPARATE REPORT ON THIS ISSUE.

4. AMB. BRUCE (US), DRAWING ON REF D, SUPPORTED DPC/D(75)2
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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPRING REPORT, SAYING THIS YEAR'S REPORT SHOULD REFLECT TO DEFENSE MINISTERS A CLEAR PICTURE OF WHERE THE ALLIANCE STANDS ON BASIC ISSUES FORCE IMPROVEMENTS, ON REGIONAL FORCE CAPABILITIES, AND ON SUPPORTING PROGRAMS.

5. FOLLOWING DPC AGREEMENT ON SCOPE/CONTENT OF AD-70 SPRING REPORT, AMB. HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) SAID IS HAD DISTRIBUTED DPC/D(75)2 ON JANUARY 14, WHICH UNDULY COMPRESSED TIME FOR NATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS. AMB. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM), SUPPORTED HARTOGH, NOTING THAT BELGIUM HAD AWAITED FRENCH TRANSLATION WHICH TOOK EVEN LONGER. DSYG PANSA (CHAIRMAN, EWG) ACCEPTED LEGITIMACY OF NETHERLANDS AND BELGIAN CRITICISMS. MISSION COMMENT: MISSION BELIEVES NETHERLANDS AND BELGIAN COMPLAINTS

REFLECTED THEIR DISCONTENT WITH INFORMAL METHOD IS USED TO
ACHIEVE "COMPROMISE" IN DPC/D(75)2 (REF E). NEITHER
NETHERLANDS NOR BELGIAN REPS ATTENDED INFORMAL MEETING OF
EWG REPS, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND ASYG HUMPHREYS INVITED
NETHERLANDS REP , WHO WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND. END MISSION
COMMENT, BRUCE

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